IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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Plaintiff,))	C.A. No. 13-723-LPS
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AVX CORPORATION and)	PUBLIC VERSION
AVX FILTERS CORPORATION,)	
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Defendants.)	

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I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF THE ARGUMENT

Federal Rule of Evidence 702 imposes a duty on the Court to "ensur[e] that an expert's testimony *both* rests on a reliable foundation and is relevant to the task at hand." *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharm., Inc.*, 509 U.S. 597 (1993) (emphasis added). Here, three aspects of the expert opinion of Steven M. Pilgrim, Ph.D. offered by Greatbatch are neither reliable nor relevant:

- opinions on the state of mind of AVX and its employees;
- opinions that all AVX Ingenio FFTs infringe the asserted claims of the '779 patent; and
- opinions relying on certain images created by EAG laboratories.

Both Rule 702 and governing law mandate that these opinions by excluded.

First, Prof. Pilgrim opines on the state of mind of AVX and its employees. For example, Prof. Pilgrim offers his conclusions as to what constitutes an "admission" or "acknowledgement" of infringement by AVX based on his review of documents and testimony. He also opines that AVX employees were Not only does Prof. Pilgrim have no specialized knowledge or expertise to render these conclusions, but Courts have long held that opinions as to "intent, motive, or state of mind" are beyond the bounds of permissible expert testimony. See, e.g., In re Rosuvastatin Calcium Patent Litig., MDL No. 08-1949-LPS, 2009 WL 4800702, at *8 (D. Del. Dec. 11, 2009).

Second, Prof. Pilgrim's opinion that *all* AVX Ingenio FFTs infringe the asserted claims of the '779 patent is not supported by *any* evidence and, thus, constitutes a bare legal conclusion. In particular, Prof. Pilgrim never analyzed, reviewed, or considered whether infringe. Moreover, Prof. Pilgrim cannot state whether the alleged infringing connection in parts that

or both. As such, there is no basis to conclude that Ingenio FFTs infringe the '779 patent and his opinions as to those parts should be excluded.

Third, Prof. Pilgrim's analysis of and reliance on certain images created by EAG

Laboratories ("EAG") does not meet the *Daubert* standards. Not only does Prof. Pilgrim incorrectly state that certain aspects of the imaged parts are representative of parts sold to Boston Scientific Corp. ("BSC") when they are not, but he does not know and is unable to provide any information as to how EAG created the images. In fact, there are numerous versions of the same image of the same part, including images that support AVX's non-infringement defense. Prof. Pilgrim ignores these images and, instead, chooses to rely on images

He then applies his subjective judgment as to what these images show and concludes that they demonstrate infringement. Because the EAG images cannot reliably form the basis of Prof. Pilgrim's opinion as to infringement of production-level Ingenio FFTs, such evidence is not helpful to the trier of fact and his reliance on them can only serve to confuse the jury.

Accordingly, AVX requests that the Court exclude as inadmissible those portions of Prof. Pilgrim's opinions which (1) constitute legal conclusions and opinions on intent, motive, or state of mind, (2) concern infringement of the '779 patent and (3) are based on images of Ingenio FFTs with known defects.

II. LEGAL STANDARD

Rule 702 of the Federal Rules of Evidence governs the admissibility of expert testimony, which is a question of law. *See Daubert*, 509 U.S. at 588–89. Under Rule 702, "(1) the proffered witness must be an expert; (2) the expert must testify to scientific, technical or specialized knowledge; and (3) the expert's testimony must assist the trier of fact." *See W.L. Gore & Assoc.*, *Inc. v. C.R. Bard, Inc.*, No. 11-515-LPS-CJB, 2015 WL 12815314, at *2 (D. Del. Nov. 20, 2015) (citing *United States v. Velasquez*, 64 F.3d 844, 849 (3d Cir. 1995)). Moreover, expert testimony

is admissible only if "the testimony is based on sufficient facts or data," "the testimony is the product of reliable principles and methods," and "the expert has reliably applied the principles and methods to the facts of the case." Fed. R. Evid. 702; see also Elcock v. Kmart Corp., 233 F.3d 734, 741 (3d Cir. 2000) (describing Rule 702 requirements as "thee distinct substantive restrictions on the admission of expert testimony: qualifications, reliability, and fit"). The party offering the expert testimony bears the burden of showing that it meets each of these admissibility standards. See B. Braun Melsungen AG v. Terumo Med. Corp., 749 F. Supp. 2d 210, 222 (D. Del. 2010).

III. ARGUMENT

A. Prof. Pilgrim's State of Mind, Intent, and Motive Opinions, As Well As His Conclusions as to AVX Admissions, Should Be Excluded.

In addition to his infringement analysis, Prof. Pilgrim now (i) proffers expert opinions on the state-of-mind, intent, and motive of AVX employees and (ii) assumes the role of the trier of fact to make legal conclusions as to what constitutes so-called "admissions" of infringement. These opinions—largely contained in Sections IV and V of Prof. Pilgrim's February 9, 2017 Supplement Report—constitute improper expert testimony and, therefore, should be excluded. [Ex. 1 (Pilgrim 2/9/17 Rpt.).]

Expert testimony regarding legal conclusions is not permissible. See Proctor & Gamble Co. v. Teva Pharm. USA, Inc., No. 04-940-JJF, 2006 WL 2241018, at *1 (D. Del. Aug. 4, 2006); see also Salas v. Wang, 846 F.2d 897, 905 n.5 (3d Cir. 1988) (stating that the Federal Rules do "not permit experts to testify as to legal conclusions."); Transportes Aereos Pegaso, S.A. de C.V. v. Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc., 623 F. Supp. 2d 518, 533 (D. Del. 2009) (same); Watkins v. New Castle County, 374 F. Supp. 2d 379, 393 (D. Del. 2005). Further, "expert witnesses are not

¹ All references to "Ex.__" are to the exhibits attached to the Declaration of Jason J. Rawnsley, filed herewith.

permitted to testify regarding 'intent, motive, or state of mind, or evidence by which such state of mind may be inferred." *AstraZeneca UK Ltd. v. Watson Labs, Inc.*, No. 10-915-LPS, 2012 WL 6043266, at *2 (D. Del. Nov. 14, 2012); *see also W.L. Gore & Assoc., Inc.*, 2015 WL 12815314, at *3 n.8. For example, in *Oxford Gene Tech. Ltd. v. Mergen Ltd.*, 345 F. Supp. 2d 431, 443 n.9 (D. Del. 2004), the Court excluded testimony

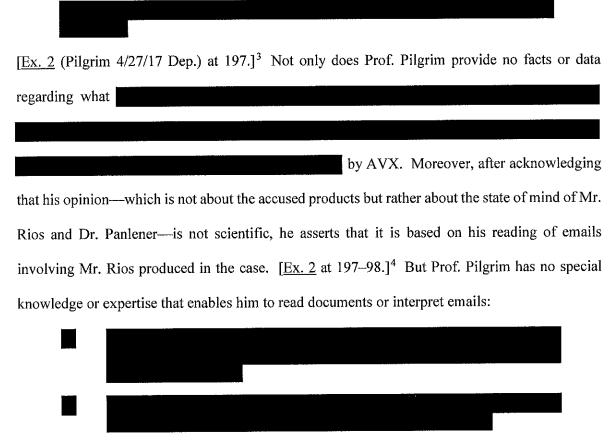
which could be interpreted as referring to or inferring [defendant's] state of mind, including: referring to [defendant] "recognizing" that its business activities might infringe..., that [defendant] may have been "concerned," and that [defendant] had "concluded" whether it infringed or not.

Id. (citations omitted); see In re Rosuvastatin Calcium Patent Litig., 2009 WL 4800702, at *8–9 (excluding expert testimony from which state of mind could be inferred).² Prof. Pilgrim, like the expert in Oxford Gene Technology, devotes two entire sections and forty paragraphs of his supplemental report to a review of documents and testimony in order to either expressly opine on the state of mind of AVX employees or to infer an admission or acknowledgement of infringement.

Prof. Pilgrim expressly opines that AVX employees were aware of infringement. In his Supplemental Report, he states:

[Ex 1 (Pilgrim 2/9/17 Rpt.) ¶ 116.] Prof. Pilgrim expounded on this opinion at his most recent deposition:

² See also In re Flonase Antitrust Litig., 884 F. Supp. 2d 184, 193 (E.D. Pa. 2012); Durrell ex rel. S.H. v. Lower Merion Sch. Dist., No. 10-6070, 2012 WL 2953956, at *7 n.5 (E.D. Pa. July 19, 2012) ("An expert's opinion regarding intent would not be admissible at trial."); In re Rezulin Prods. Liab. Litig., 309 F. Supp. 2d 531, 547 (S.D.N.Y. 2004) ("Inferences about the intent or motive of parties or others lie outside the bounds of expert testimony.").

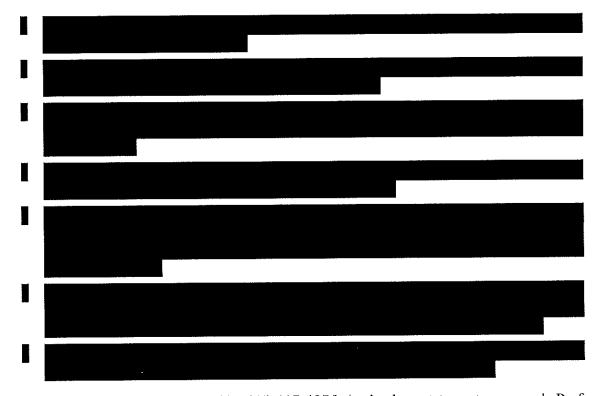


[*Id.* at 198.] Put simply, Prof. Pilgrim's conclusions as to AVX's state of mind are based on his unspecialized review of the evidence and do not meet the *Daubert* standard.

Similarly, Sections IV and V of Prof. Pilgrim's Supplemental Report, which reads more like a legal brief outline than an expert opinion, are littered with opinions regarding so-called acknowledgements and admissions of infringement. For example:

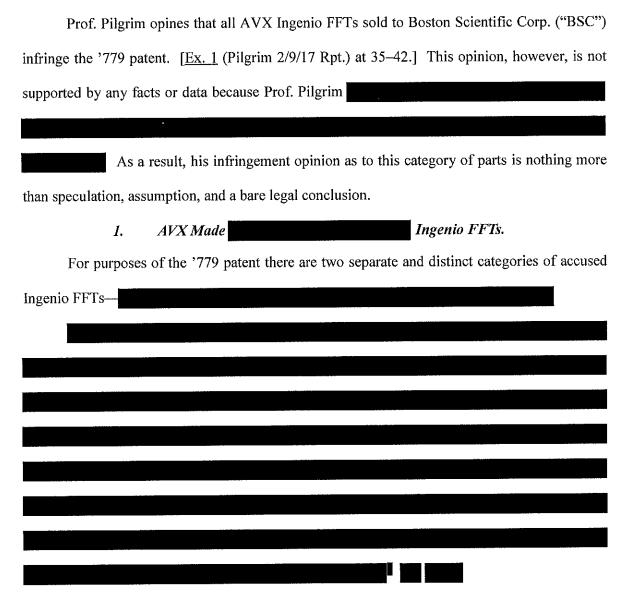
³ In all events, Prof. Pilgrim is not qualified to render any expert opinions as to manufacturing and control processes. He has no specialized expertise in manufacturing or industrial processes, including high-reliability manufacturing and quality assurance systems. Notwithstanding that he may have performed some "manufacturing troubleshooting" more than 20 years ago, he was a scientist in Martin Marietta Laboratories' materials research group and performed research or experimental/theoretical support, not manufacturing. [Ex. 2 (Pilgrim 4/27 Dep.) at 55; Ex. 3.] Indeed, Prof. Pilgrim has been in academia since 1994.

⁴ Prof. Pilgrim agrees that he has to resort to his review of documents and testimony because he is not a mind reader. [Ex. 2 (Pilgrim 4/27/17 Dep.) at 192–93.]



[Ex. 1 (Pilgrim 2/9/17 Rpt.) ¶¶ 110–112, 115, 117, 127.] Again, these statements are merely Prof. Pilgrim's unscientific interpretation of documents and statements—and nothing more. Indeed, they are the very kinds of statements that were excluded by the Court in *Oxford Gene Tech.*, 345 F. Supp. 2d at 443 n.9. These opinions go to AVX's "intent, motive or state of mind" in preparing the document or making a statement, and are thus improper. Further, they are improper legal conclusions as Prof. Pilgrim (i) makes his own determination as to what is an "admission" and (ii) usurps the role of fact-finder, weighing the different evidence and determining which is credible and not credible. *See, e.g., McGowan v. Cooper Indus., Inc.*, 863 F.2d 1266, 1273 (6th Cir. 1988) (finding inadmissible expert testimony as to whether defendant met industry custom because it addressed matters that were equally within the competence of the jurors). Accordingly, Prof. Pilgrim's state-of-mind, "admission," and document-conflict opinions should not be allowed to be presented at trial.

B. There Are No Facts or Data to Support Prof. Pilgrim's Opinion as to Infringement of the '779 Patent by All AVX Ingenio FFTs.

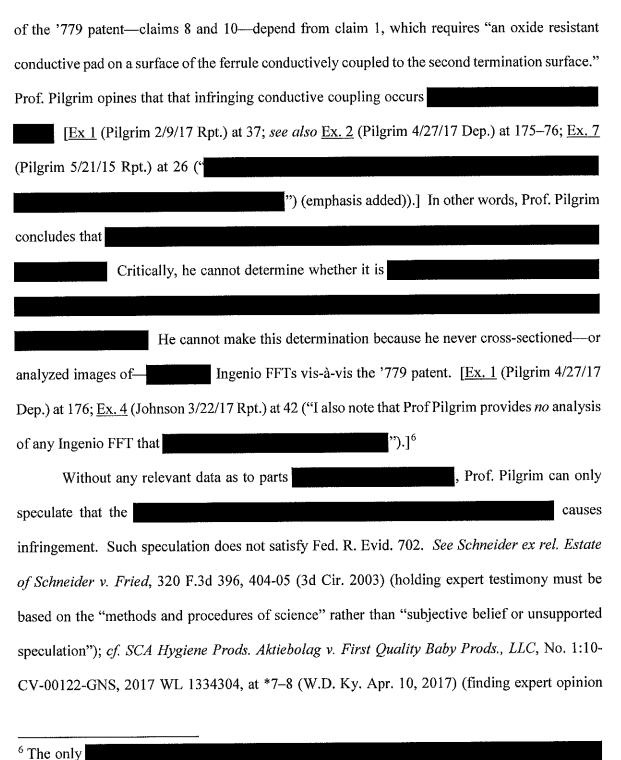


[,] as summarized by Prof. William B. Johnson in his expert report. [See Ex. 4 (Johnson 3/22/17 Rpt.) at 32.]



2. Prof. Pilgrim Has No Evidence to Support His Conclusion that Ingenio FFTs Infringe the '779 Patent.

Prof. Pilgrim presents no evidence that Ingenio FFTs made pursuant to AVX's manufacturing processes before January 2014 infringe the '779 patent. Each of the asserted claims



Moreover, Prof. Pilgrim expressly noted that he is not using this part as a basis for his infringement opinion. [Ex. 8 (Pilgrim 4/11/17 Rebuttal to Johnson) ¶ J40.1.]

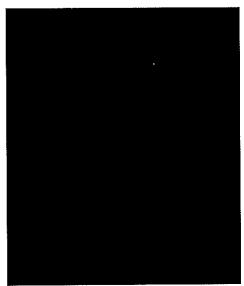
reliable because ten samples of the nine representative product groups were tested).

3. Prof. Pilgrim's Excuse for Failing to Analyze Must Be Rejected.

Prof. Pilgrim unfairly and incorrectly attempts to blame AVX for his speculative opinion as to infringement of Ingenio FFTs. He asserted both in his report and during deposition that AVX did not provide any FFTs for testing. [Ex. 8 (Pilgrim 4/11/17 Rebuttal to Johnson) ¶ J42.1; Ex. 2 (Pilgrim 4/27/17 Dep.) at 176.] This assertion is false.

⁷ In his supplemental report, Prof. Pilgrim allegedly relies on aspects of certain other rejected parts to support his infringement opinion. [Ex. 1 (Pilgrim 2/9/17 Rpt.) ¶ 56.] Moreover, as to the

Ingenio FFTs were available for testing by Greatbatch and Prof. Pilgrim both during the fact discovery in 2015 and during the supplemental discovery period in 2016.



the methods were previously performed or whether they

may also produce new evidence relevant to infringement

of '779 patent." [D.I. 791.] One of Greatbatch's labs, S&N Laboratories, did analyze this part. [See Ex. 12 (image shown to left).] Specifically, Greatbatch's attorneys directed S&N Labs to

[Ex. 13.]

[See Ex. 14.] Despite having cross-sectioned several other rejected Ingenio

FFTs, EAG never cross-sectioned this part.⁸

particular Ingenio FFTs
Pilgrim testified that

from the list of rejected parts that he did *not* examine, Prof.

[Ex. 2 (Pilgrim 4/27/17 Dep.) at 179.]

⁸ AVX anticipates that Greatbatch will again attempt to fault AVX's counsel for not agreeing to stipulate as to the representative nature of the rejected parts. AVX addressed this argument in opposition to Greatbatch's spoliation motion. [D.I. 838 at 4–5, 15–16.] Moreover, the Court has already rejected Greatbatch's position. On January 10, 2017, it noted, "We heard a lot today about why the parties didn't agree on the stipulation or some sort of scenario []deeming certain types of parts representative of the larger group of parts... It's unfortunate that the parties weren't able to

In conclusion, AVX made available numerous Ingenio FFTs for testing by Greatbatch. Why these parts were not provided or made available to Prof. Pilgrim for his analysis is unknown. The result, however, is that Prof. Pilgrim has no facts or data to support his conclusion that Ingenio FFTs made infringe the '779 patent. The only part of his opinion that is supportable (although incorrect) relates to Ingenio FFTs Thus his opinion that all Ingenio FFTs infringe should be excluded.

C. Prof. Pilgrim's Reliance on Images and Data from EAG Does Not Satisfy Rule 702 and *Daubert*.

Prof. Pilgrim supports his infringement opinion with images created by EAG during the post-trial discovery period in 2016 and 2017. These images, however, are inherently unreliable and therefore Prof. Pilgrim cannot show that his opinions that rest on them are "based on the methods and procedures of science rather than on subjective belief or unsupported speculation." Schneider ex rel. Estate of Schneider, 320 F.3d at 404. As a result, the Court should not allow Prof. Pilgrim to testify at trial as to these images.

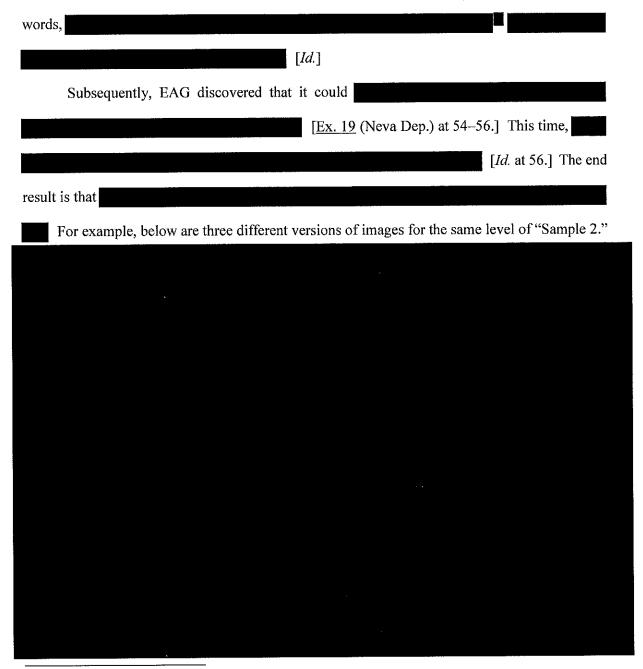
1. The Images Generated by EAG and Relied Upon by Prof. Pilgrim Have

In 2016 and 2017, EAG generated numerous images of AVX Ingenio FFTs, but how those images were created is unknown and what they show is, at best, subjective speculation.

As background, EAG was provided with several Ingenio FFTs that AVX had rejected and pulled from the manufacturing line in 2013. [Ex. 14; Ex. 16, Ex. 17 (Hix Dep.) at 15–17.]

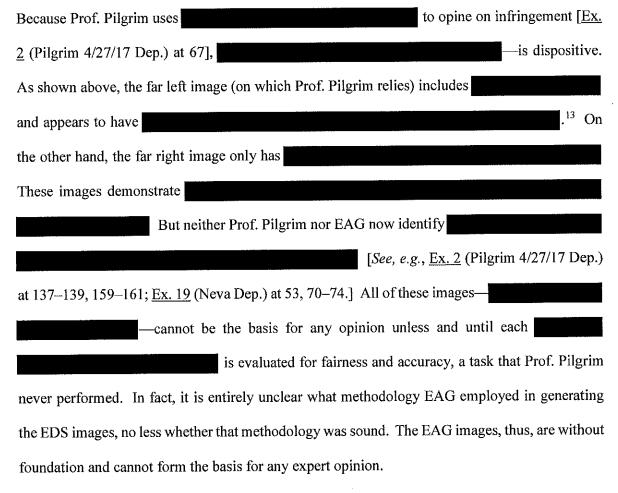
work something out, but what happened was most definitely not in the Court's view solely the fault of AVX. And importantly, Greatbatch knows, has always known that it has the burden of proof on infringement. And Greatbatch has no good explanation for why, even with the extensive period of post-discovery, it did not test parts that it was offered." [Ex. 15 (1/10/17 Hr'g Tr.) at 136 (emphasis added).]

⁹ EAG serially cross-
sectioned these parts and then created images of the sectioned parts using a scanning electron
microscope ("SEM") and energy-dispersive spectrometry ("EDS"). [See, e.g., Ex. 18.] The
purpose of this analysis was to determine
Originally, EAG generated images of the FFTs based on the
[Ex. 19 (Neva Dep.) at 22–24.] Then in January
2017, Prof. Pilgrim himself recognized that
[Ex. 20.] In essence,
[Ex. 19 (Neva Dep.) at 49 (discussing
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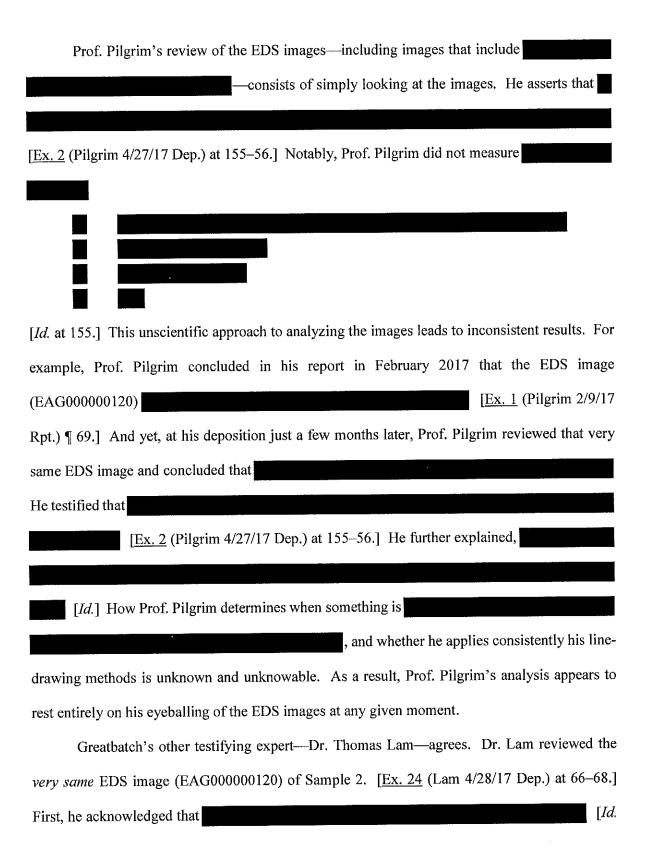
¹¹ Just last evening, Greatbatch produced a document to AVX from another of its labs—S&N Labs—suggesting that it could . [Ex. 22.]

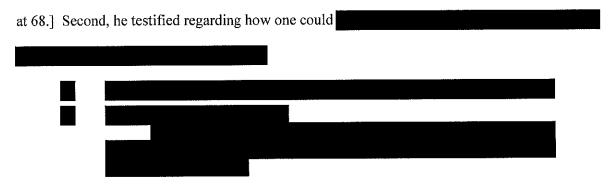
¹² Notably, EAG (which is represented by Greatbatch's counsel in this case) produced this image as well as several other images just this past Monday, May 8, 2017—that is *after* the depositions of EAG and Prof. Pilgrim concluded. [Ex. 23.] There is no excuse for this late production given that these images are responsive to a subpoena that AVX served on EAG over four months ago. Their belated production is another reason as to why AVX has no information as to how these images were created.



2. Prof. Pilgrim's Reading of EAG's EDS Images Is Subjective and Not Scientifically Grounded.

[[]Ex. 2 (Pilgrim 4/27/17 Dep.) at 152.]





[*Id.* at 70–71 (emphasis added).] Prof. Pilgrim did not use this approach; rather he chose the "very subjective" method.

At bottom, Prof. Pilgrim's "very subjective" opinions based on images created by EAG using unknown methods are not "the product of reliable principles and methods" and, therefore, are not admissible. The Court should, therefore, preclude Prof. Pilgrim from relying on or testifying concerning any of the EDS images generated by EAG.¹⁴

Rpt.) at 4-5.] Dr. Lam was never provided the data to perform this analysis. [Ex. 24 at 73-74.]

¹⁴ AVX notes that it has filed a request to extend the deadline for filing *Daubert* motions. [D.I. 927.] This request is based on the fact that the labs that generated the data and images on which Prof. Pilgrim relies have continued to produce documents beyond the deadline for expert

IV. CONCLUSION

For all the foregoing reasons, the Court should preclude Prof. Pilgrim from offering any opinions (i) as to the state of mind, intent, or motive of AVX, including offering any opinions as to what does or does not constitute an admission or acknowledgement of infringement; (ii) concerning infringement of the '779 patent by any Ingenio FFT made before January 2014; and (iii) that rely upon EDS images generated by EAG.

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discovery, including up through yesterday evening. In addition, AVX is seeking relief with respect to the depositions of two labs since the 30(b)(6) deponents were not prepared to testify in response to questions within the scope of the noticed topics. AVX does not believe that the Court's ruling on the separately-pending requests affects the arguments or relief sought in this motion.

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